

SAGA loses food contract

By Kelly Hamilton
Staff Writer

The University Board of Regents unanimously voted Wednesday to give Association Retail America the University's food service contract for the 1980-81 school year.

A committee researched bids given by AFM, ARA and SAGA, and committee member John Mees reported to the Board the committee's unanimous recommendation of ARA.

"All the food services were adequate, but ARA offered additional help and assistance," said Bruce Wake, a member of the committee. "They just stood out in my mind."

ARA's president is committed to offer assistance in recruitment for the University, President B.D. Owens said.

"They're interested in helping universities maintain their enrollment," he said.

ARA has, at other universities, supplied a choice of 12 entrees for one meal and they show interest and support in a deli bar and renovations to the third floor of the Student Union, Mees said.

ARA has recommended four special meals, referred to as "Adventures in Dining," for students, said Marvin Silliman, who spoke at the Board meeting. A food service is required to serve only one special meal a month.

ARA is the largest student service in the United States and now serves the Maryville hospital, Central Missouri State University, Fort Hayes University, and they handled the food service at the winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

The food service will still use University employees for personnel, who will be trained by an ARA team who will come from ARA's headquarters in Philadelphia, Penn., Owens said.

"There was no real dissatisfaction with SAGA," Owens said. "I've been there when the food was bad and also when it has been quite pleasing."

SAGA has been at NWMSU for three years. ARA will be under a contract which will be renewable on a yearly basis, Owens said.

The Board also approved a proposal to offer an Educational Specialist Degree program at Northwest. The proposal will now be submitted to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in Missouri. If passed by the CBHE, the proposal will be submitted to the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools for final approval. If passed, according to schedule, the program will go into effect a year from this summer semester, George English, committee member, said.

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Teasdale to launch University's 75th anniversary celebration

Missouri Gov. Joseph Teasdale will be on the NWMSU campus Tuesday to help launch Northwest's 75th anniversary celebration.

Teasdale will headline Tuesday's convocation, which will begin at 10 a.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater in the Fine Arts building. It will commemorate the March 25, 1905, signing of legislation by the then Missouri Gov. Joseph Folk. This signing allowed the establishment of a Fifth District Normal School in the northwest quadrant of the state.

After that legislation, Maryville was selected as the site for the school, which evolved from a Normal School to a State Teachers College to a State College to a University.

Northwest's 75th anniversary celebration is under the direction of a University task force, chaired by Robert Sunkel, head of the division of fine arts. The group adopted "Our Tradition: The

Environment for Student Excellence" as the theme for the celebration.

"The theme reflects the attitude which the institution has taken during its 75 years of history," Sunkel said. "This theme relates to our students, to the mission of the institution and states itself not as a goal but as a statement of purpose—past, present and future."

Tuesday's convocation will include a number of persons who have been or are currently associated with the University. Persons expected to participate include Robert H. Duesenberg, St. Louis, chairman of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education; Dr. Jack Kinder, Columbia, executive secretary of the Missouri State Teachers Association and president of the NWMSU Alumni Association; Dr. Robert P. Foster, Maryville, president emeritus of NWMSU; Miss Mattie Dykes, Maryville, professor emerita of English at Northwest; and

Dr. B.D. Owens, president of Northwest and a 1959 graduate of the University.

NWMSU's University Chorale will perform at the convocation.

Other anniversary celebrations are scheduled to run through Homecoming 1980, which is slated for Oct. 11. Included in these events is the publishing of a 25-year history of Northwest from 1955 to 1980 by Dr. Virgil Albertini, professor of English, and his wife, Dolores. This history will take up where Mattie Dyke's book, *Behind the Birches*, left off. *Behind the Birches* is a history of the first 50 years of the school.

Mark Russell, a political humorist, will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday, as part of the anniversary celebration. The performance will be in the Charles Johnson Theater.

A concert by the Luckenberg Trio, a famed instrumental group, will be at 8 p.m. March 27 in the Charles Johnson Theater.

NWMSU awaits governor's OK of emergency funding bill

All that is needed before Northwest receives \$13.8 million in state emergency funds is Gov. Joseph Teasdale's signature on the legislative bill.

Northwest's funding request to replace space lost in last July's Administration Building fire is included in a \$65 million emergency appropriation bill. Previously approved by the Missouri House, the bill was unanimously cleared in the Senate Monday afternoon.

Northwest President B.D. Owens said he does not anticipate any delay in Teasdale's signature and he expected the governor to sign the measure within the week.

"Obviously we're very excited about the bill's passage," Owens said. "We

didn't anticipate any problems once the Senate passed it the first time, but it was a great relief when it was passed in full," he said.

Northwest's request for emergency funding calls for \$1.58 million to restore the Administration Building; the construction of a \$7.4 million library building; and an estimated \$477,000 for the remodeling of Wells Library into additional classroom space; the construction of a \$2.97 million auditorium to replace the Frank Deerwester Auditorium which was destroyed by fire; a \$1.8 million recovery request for non-structure losses and replacement of emergency expenses and a \$200,000 request for tunnel repair.

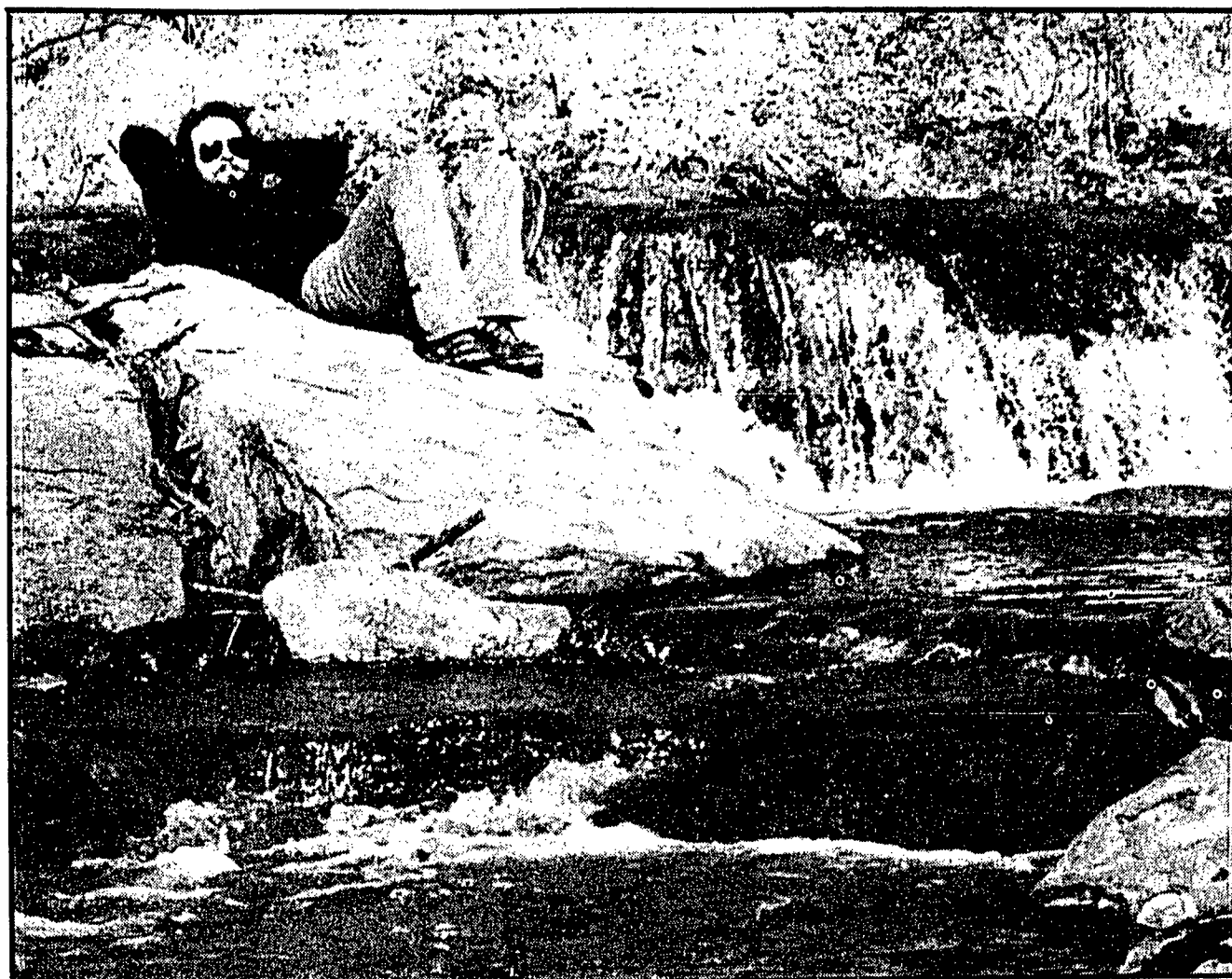
Owens said he anticipated receiving the \$1.8 million for the replacement of emergency expenses quickly. The funds

for actual construction will probably be received as bids are taken, he said.

Presently, architect Homer Williams of Architects Design Collaborative, Inc. from Parkville, is preparing drawings for the NWMSU's proposed library and auditorium. The architectural plans are hoped to be finalized by early summer so the University may advertise for bids and award contracts in September in order for the foundations to be completed by winter, Owens said.

Tentative completion dates for the library and auditorium are slated for the end of fall 1982 or the beginning of spring semester 1983, he said.

Renovation of the Administration Building will move much faster, Owens said. He said he hoped some of the offices would be able to be moved back into the building by next spring.



Missourian Photo/ Dave Young

Ripplin' waters

The sunshine and warm temperatures of the last few days have cured cabin fever and have brought on spring fever. Here, Jim Short catches a few rays on the last day of winter as the melt-off from the snows rushes past him in a creek near Skidmore.

Fall sorority housing plans to be decided this semester

By Suzie Zillner
Editor

A decision concerning where Northwest's five sororities will live next fall will be announced by the end of the semester, if not sooner, said Dr. John Mees, vice president for student development and coordinator of a newly organized task force on the study of the relocation of sororities.

The task force was formed in February after University officials decided to close Roberta Hall at the end of the semester due to its deteriorating condition. Presently, 149 sorority women live in the 57-year-old dormitory.

The task force is composed of key people who will be affected by the sororities' relocation, Mees said. Included are the five sorority presidents; the faculty sponsors of each sorority; Bruce Wake, director of

housing; Deb Mullin, Roberta Hall director; Irene Huk, student activities director, and Max Harris, head of maintenance.

The committee has met three times thus far to explore the advantages and disadvantages of alternative housing possibilities, Mees said.

"Right now we're exploring the advantages and disadvantages of moving them to one of the high rise dorms," Mees said. "This is what we think will be most feasible in terms of a short term and long term recommendation. We're looking at parking accessibility, levels of conversion costs, chapter room arrangements and alternatives and floor assignments," he said.

Other alternative housing possibilities which have been discussed include relocating the sororities on the University's east side, in the north and

south complexes and off campus, he said.

Mees said meal contracts are a major issue involving the relocation of the sororities in the high rise area.

In Roberta, Perrin and Hudson Halls, residents are not obligated to purchase food contracts, while high rise occupants must purchase a meal contract since the new buildings were not built for expanded cooking facilities, Mees said.

Mees said, if the sororities relocated in the high rise area, their meal contract obligations would most likely have to be consistent with the other three area dorms.

Next year's campus housing is projected to increase, but there should be enough room for everyone, Mees said.

"We may have to open up areas which aren't being used right now and we'll probably have to cut down on the number of private rooms we will allow next year," he said.

As for the future of Roberta Hall, Mees said the administration will make a careful review of the situation.

"Roberta's physical condition, renovation costs and alterations and energy consumption projections will all have to be studied. And based on that extensive review, a recommendation by President Owens to the Board of Regents will be made probably by the end of this summer," Mees said.

When the relocation task force reaches a decision, President Owens will meet with the group and probably make an internal decision, Mees said.

Ag exhibits scheduled

The NWMSU Agriculture Council will celebrate National Agriculture Day March 20 with several exhibits to be placed near the Bell Tower on campus.

Displays will be presented by the various components of the University Ag. Council, including Ag. Club; Delta Tau Alpha Honorary Agriculture Fraternity; Alpha Tau Alpha, an honorary society for teachers of agriculture; the Soil Conservation Society; and the Horticulture Club.

The exhibits will range from old to new tractors, grain, displays of plants and flowers, soil conservation models, dairy cattle and sheep, said Brad Ross, president of the University's Ag. Club.

Included in the displays will be a prize-winning cow from the University's dairy herd. Inside the lobby of the Student Union will be a slide presentation of the Northwest agriculture programs and a display by the Horticulture Club of flowering plants arranged to commemorate the University's 75th anniversary.

Debate team qualifies for national tournament

For the second year in a row, NWMSU has qualified a team for competition in the National Debate Tournament.

Ward Smith and Kent Stotler placed second in district competition at Oklahoma Central State University last weekend. The top five district teams advance to national competition.

Smith and Stotler won eight out of 10 rounds, defeating first place team Drury College, Kansas University, Texas A&M and Louisiana State University.

"This year proves that last year was not a flash in the pan," said Dr. James Leu, debate coach.

Leu said he was unhappy with the initial seeding of the team, which was 16th out of 30.

"I think the other district teams underestimated us," Leu said.

This is Smith's second consecutive year to go to Nationals.

"The tension was extremely high," Smith said about this year's tournament. "I'm just glad it's over for awhile."

Stotler, a freshman, said he never expected to do so well his first year.

"My goal at the beginning of the year was to be on the varsity team by second semester," he said. "I was surprised we did so well. It was a great moment."

The team will compete against such nationally ranked teams as Harvard, Dartmouth and the University of Southern California. The National Debate Tournament is April 17-21 in Tucson, Ariz.

Spring pre-registration begins March 24

Plans for spring pre-registration for the 1980 fall semester have been completed, said Dr. Phil Hayes, NWMSU acting registrar.

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 24, fall class schedules will be available in the registrar's office, admission's office and the J.W. Jones Union director's office.

Advisement sheets and card-pulling appointment cards may be picked up in the registrar's office in Cooper Hall Lounge from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 26 through April 11.

A \$25 pre-registration fee may be paid in the business office in Wells Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 26 through April 14.

Appointments for academic advisement are to begin March 26 and are to be completed April 14.

To finish the pre-registration process, class cards will be pulled by appointment date and time in the Student Union Spanish Den from 8:30 to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 15-17.



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An evening with wildlife

T.D. Ripperger, conservation agent, casts a proud glance over the stuffed birds that adorned his table at the "Evening with Wildlife" March 17, sponsored by the Missouri Department of conservation and NWMSU's Horace Mann School. The program consisted of three films and exhibits promoting the theme, "Save A Place for Wildlife."

Campus briefs

Scholarships available for 1980-81

Eight \$500 awards from the Marshall E. and Beatrix Winn Ford Scholarship fund, two \$500 awards from the W.M.C. Dawson scholarship fund and five \$500 awards from the Robert P. Foster Commemorative Scholarship fund will be available for the 1980-81 academic year. Applications are available from the student financial aids office and must be returned by April 1, along with two letters of recommendations and a copy of the applicant's academic transcript.

Secretaries Association to sponsor seminar

The Northwest area chapter of the National Secretaries Association will sponsor a seminar on skill improvement for office personnel March 22. The seminar will be in the ballroom of the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The seminar, which is supposed to help secretaries and clerical workers improve their performances on their jobs, can be taken for one hour of credit or for non credit. Cost is \$10 for non credit and \$34 for those seeking credit.

Nurse administrator to speak March 24

Shirley Bunkowski, nurse administrator at the Maryville Health Care Center, will speak at the March meeting of the People Related to Nursing class at 4:15 p.m. March 24. Bunkowski will speak on the nursing home versus hospital nursing and caring for the aged. The meeting, to be in 111 Wilson Hall, is open to the public.

Business School hosts workshop

The department of office administration business education of the School of Business Administration will sponsor a workshop March 29 for vocational business teachers. The workshop will have sessions on word processing, records and office management and touch keyboarding.

Seminar for small-businesses to be held

A seminar for small-business owners and managers will be from 7-10 p.m. March 31 and April 2 in room 229 Colden Hall. The seminar, "Understanding Financial Statements and Cash Planning," is being offered by the department of accounting and finance of the School of Business Administration. Enrollment is limited to 25 people, with a \$25 fee. Anyone wanting more information about the seminar should contact Dr. Edward Browning, Mrs. Johnnie Innes or Dr. E.K. DeVore, head of the School of Business Administration.

Gille passes nursing test

Susan Gille, R.N., head of the department of nursing at Northwest, has been notified she has passed the Advanced Nursing Administration test, which she took last fall. The test, which focuses on the examinee's administrative skills, was taken by only 200 nurses nationally and is administered by the American Nurses Association.

Shakespearian scholar to lecture

"Passivity and Action in 'Hamlet'" will be the topic of a lecture by Professor David Bevington, University of Chicago. The lecture, which concerns the main themes of the play, will be at 8 p.m. March 24 in Charles Johnson Theater. Bevington is one of the best-known Shakespearian scholars. Bevington has written several books and edited the text used in NWMSU's course on Shakespeare, taught by Dr. Mike Jewitt. The free event is sponsored by the Missouri Community for Humanities.

Olympiad opens to computer science field

For the first time in nine years, high school students will be exposed to both mathematics and computer science in the ninth annual Mathematic Sciences Olympiad March 20 and 21.

"Basically, the Olympiad was composed of just a mathematical portion to serve area high schools and to generate interest in the field of study," said Dr. Jerome Solheim, director of the Olympiad. "But, the computer science field is a growing field in interest and importance, so it's a great opportunity to include it in the Olympiad."

The Division of Mathematics and Computer Science is sponsoring the Olympiad. Unlike previous Olympiads, the events will include a two-day format with the mathematics portion scheduled all day March 20 and the morning of March 21.

Computer science orientation is from 7 to 9 p.m. March 20 in 102 Garrett-Strong. The contest begins at 8:30 a.m. March 21 in 102 GS. Awards will be presented at 11:30 in 331 GS.

Registration for Math Olympiad begins at 9:15 a.m. March 20, in the

ballroom. Each school is permitted to enter a maximum of five students from each grade levels 10 through 12. Each level will compete in separate examinations which will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., also in the ballroom.

The mathematics contest is divided into three classifications determined by school size. In addition to team competition, each individual entered will compete for individual awards in each grade level in each classification.

Team scores will be determined by adding a team's top three scores only. If a school enters fewer than three students at a grade level, their scores will be eligible for individual honors. A \$2,000 scholarship to NWMSU will be awarded to first place senior contestant, renewable for four years if the student maintains a 3.5 grade point average. Second-place senior award will be a \$1,200 scholarship to NWMSU also renewable for four years if the student maintains a 3.5 GPA. Scholarships are limited to mathematics contestants.

★ Degree

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The degree is the next level above the Master's degree and, on completion, the students would be eligible to serve as superintendents or principals in Missouri public schools accredited and classified as AAA, English said.

There will be no increase in faculty for the program, Owens said. Most of the classes have already been offered, he said.

An honors program was also approved by the board for incoming students with ACT scores 25 or above. An honors council will put together a curriculum for the students, English said. This program will also aid in recruitment, he said.

Mandatory physical exams for freshmen and transfer students also were

approved by the Board to provide better health care and to protect the University, Mees said.

Physicals had been required at NWMSU before, but were dropped in the early 1970s. NWMSU was the only university to drop them in this region.

Because physical education and intramural activities involve so many students the exam will help the student who is not physically fit, Mees said. It is often the case that students come to the health center for treatment and we have no history or file on them, he said. It will also help international students who come from different backgrounds. Graduate students and students with less than nine hours will not be affected.

History-Humanities presents Missouri History Day contest

The District 3 Missouri History Day contest will be at Northwest April 3 and will include students in grades six through 12 from 15 counties.

Dr. Harmon Mothershead, NWMSU head of the division of history and humanities, is the chairman for District 3, which is comprised of Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Clinton, Davies, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway and Worth counties.

Contest theme is "The Individual in History," and the topic encompasses local, state, national and international history, Mothershead said.

Awards will be presented for the contest, which is divided into two divisions, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. The five categories are historical paper, individual project, group project, individual performances and group performances.

Entries will be judged superior, excellent, good or honorable mention. At least one entry in each contest category in each division will be able to enter the state contest to be held at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau April 25-26. Winners at the state contest will then be eligible to enter the national contest at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., May 29-31.

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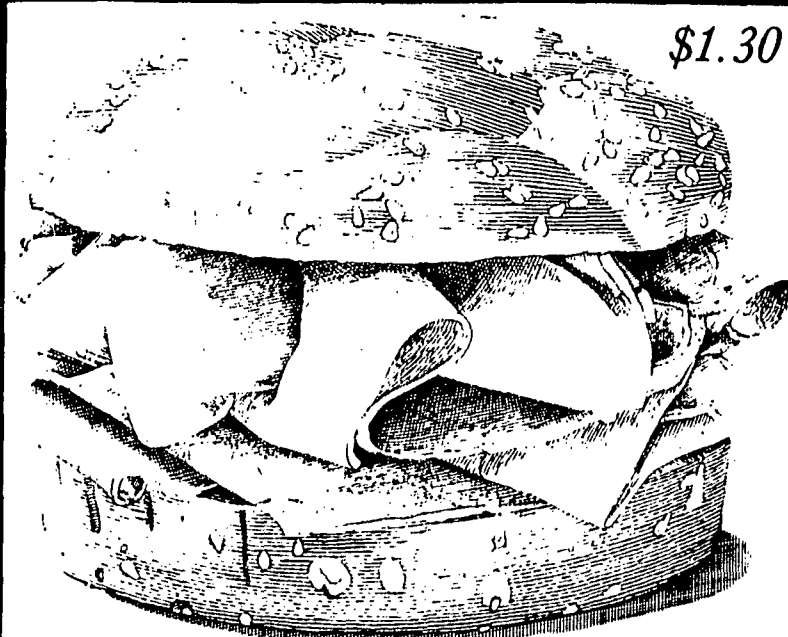
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Pound crowding will lessen with student responsibility

The city of Maryville has an apparent problem of overcrowding in its dog pound.

Sometimes as many as 30 dogs are confined to the four-kennel pound at a time.

Public Safety Director Roger Stricker has said the only way to solve the problem is to either enlarge the four-kennel pound area or decrease the number of days each dog stays in the pound before it is put to sleep.

It does not seem feasible to enlarge the number of kennels because there are some weeks when the pound is empty. However, it appears that the waiting period for impounded dogs may be reduced from seven to five days.

How such a reduction would improve conditions in the pound is something which would have to be determined.

But a much more effective improvement is to simply have a fewer number of dogs in the pound.

Previously, Stricker said more stray dogs appear in the city during the month of May. The increase, he said, comes from many college students who turn their pets loose as school ends either because the students do not have room to take them when they move or because the students' parents do not want their pets.

As this spring semester ends, those students with pets should assume the responsibility to see that their dog or cat will have a home after the end of school.

In this way, the overcrowding problem at the pound will be lessened and students who have enjoyed the company of their pets during the school year will not betray this companionship of having the city assume the students' responsibility.

Suzie Zillner/Editor

LETTERS FROM READERS

Editor:

In the March 7 edition of the *Missourian*, your paper discussed the dormitory search procedure at Central Missouri State University. As a last-term graduate student in the department of mass communication, with a Bachelor of Science in journalism, and as co-chairperson of the Investigation Committee of CMSU's Student Government Association, I must reply to the article.

First, the article takes into account the opinions of our vice president of student affairs, and your own university lawyer. Their opinions are necessary to a balanced presentation of facts. However, balance was not evident in the article in that the SGA's reasons for opposition to the searches of dormitories was not sought or expressed. Hence, this letter is written to present facts that may balance those printed in your article.

To be plain, dormitory searches are on questionable legal ground. Our SGA consulted the Kansas City law firm Krigel and Krigel for a legal opinion on the matter. They state, "...conducting a search of a dorm under the guise of looking for stolen goods is not constitutionally permissible. A Student

Residence Contract signed by a student does not constitute consent to an otherwise unlawful search and seizure." Thus, this is one example of why the SGA here is willing to take a stand for student rights by questioning the legality of dormitory searches.

The so-called plain view doctrine I also question. The legality of plain view doctrine is sound. However, I question what is considered a plain view search. Opening a locked door and viewing materials in a room seems to overstep what may be considered in plain view. This concern is substantiated in LaFave's *Search and Seizure*. He writes, "Thus, an officer could not forcibly enter a dwelling house on no basis whatsoever and there observe seizable evidence in plain view."

As to whether or not our bill is passed, I believe CMSU's student body president, Allan Lee, would have been a more appropriate person to go to for that information than NWMSU's student president. Also, I doubt Scarbrough's comment that "Such searches are the legal right of universities." He is certainly entitled to his opinion, but to indicate blanketly that our SGA has no legal stand on the issue indicates a serious lack of legal research into all sides of the matter.

In conclusion, I am optimistic that the administration will pass our proposal to make their search policies more attuned to the constitutional rights of every student. I think our administration will acknowledge the wisdom of our proposal and will continue showing its desire to accommodate students by adopting our proposal.

Sincerely,
Jack C. Ventimiglia

Editor:

I read in the Feb. 29 issue of the *Missourian* an article about Sen. Kennedy by Ken Wilkie. I realize everyone in America has the right to their personal opinion. Therefore, I am writing mine.

Wilkie wrote that Sen. Kennedy was never meant to be taken seriously. I disagree. If Wilkie had taken the time to research Sen. Kennedy's legislative record, he would have discovered he has a very impressive one. Although he has not received credit for many of the bills he authored, this does not seem to be his main concern. His concern is the people and his record shows it!

Kennedy is more of a leader than Carter will ever be. The Iran crisis has not turned Carter into a president. By

the way, where was Carter's leadership in monitoring the pre-Iranian crisis and does he require a crisis before he can function as a president? Where will his leadership go once the crisis is solved? These are some of the questions American voters must ask themselves.

I feel that Kennedy is more go and less show, to use Wilkie's words. Kennedy does not back down on the issues and he has many sources--not just the Georgia road gang to rely on.

I close with this thought: Why should we as a nation elect a president on the single issue of how he deals with a single crisis when we have the opportunity to elect a man who has proved he can be a political success. Kennedy has friends in Congress who would help pass legislation if he were president.

It seems Carter has ruined all chances of establishing Congressional friends. Perhaps he has forgotten that our government is a three-part system--not an executive branch only. Partnership and cooperation are necessary in Washington.

May the best man win and may the people look at all the issues!

Tam Jenson

Campaign '80
Reflection and Review

By Ken Wilkie

A few weeks ago the coals were lit to see who would become the established frontrunners in the race for the presidency. With the Illinois primary now history, it seems that the fire is burning the brightest for President Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

Despite the fact that Chicago's strong political machine put its endorsement with Sen. Edward Kennedy, Carter won by a two-to-one margin by capturing 65 percent of the vote while Kennedy was only able to manage 30 percent.

On the Republican side, native son John Anderson lost out to Reagan with Reagan taking 48 percent of the vote and Anderson only managing 37 percent. The George Bush campaign was further doused as he only won 11 percent.

It would be safe to say that Carter and Reagan have put themselves in position to win the nomination for their respective parties. There will be no surprises unless either men make a serious mistake.

The conservative views which both Carter and Reagan take offer the American voter no choice when they go

to the polls in November and unless Reagan takes a more moderate view on the issues, it is almost assured that Carter will be with us for another four years--four years which are likely to decide the fate which this country will be in throughout its existence.

Former President Gerald Ford put it best upon announcing the fact that he would not run when he stated that America is in serious trouble. We need a leader--a leader who can take the problems we have and work well with Congress to solve them.

The fact is we need an alternative and Anderson could provide that alternative by running on an independent ticket. It is almost assured that he would do better than George Wallace ever did when he ran on an independent ticket.

Thus there is no choice for president in 1980 and it is a sad fact for the American voter who takes a serious view upon the presidency and its power. But, at this stage of the game, we cannot afford to make a transition so devastating, and although he certainly has not proven himself capable of doing a decent job in the office, Carter is the lesser of two evils.

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NORTHWEST lifestyle

RIGHT: A German Shepherd pup waits in the city pound to see how it draws on its one-out-of-two chances of being destroyed or being picked up by a new owner. On its seventh and final day to remain at the pound, a Barnard family came to rescue the pup.

BELOW: Paul Norton, the city's animal control officer, checks on impounded dogs twice daily at the pound near the Maryville Waterplant east of town.

BOTTOM: With only four stalls, overcrowding in the pound is cause for concern for Maryville Public Safety Director Roger Stricker.

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Suzie Zillner



Destroying impounded dogs

Norton experiences emotional job



For Paul Norton, being a Maryville public safety animal control officer is an emotional experience.

"I like my job except for putting the dogs to sleep," said Norton, who has been the city's dog catcher since July. "It really bothered me at first, but now I'm starting to get used to it," he said. "It's something you don't like to do, but you know you have to do it."

Norton said of 60 to 70 dogs he has picked up, about 30 of them have been put to sleep by a local veterinarian the city hires.

"The odds are about two-to-one that someone will come and pick up their dog or that someone will give a dog a new home," he said.

Norton works with several groups to help locate homes for the dogs he impounds.

"A lot of people who live in the country will take dogs home," Norton said. "The Humane Society also helps, as well as KNIM radio's open line program," he said.

Norton, who does not own a dog himself, said he has thought about taking a dog home several times.

"I've never done it yet, but I've taken a few dogs to some friends of mine in Iowa," he said.

Most of the dogs Norton picks up are either dogs city residents have called to complain about or dogs he sees on his daily patrol.

Under a city ordinance, dogs must be contained on a leash at least six foot in length and are not allowed within 20 feet of a neighboring residence, Norton said. When exercising a dog, the city's owner must have their pet on a leash, he said.

If a dog is impounded, its owner may retrieve the pet for a \$5 fee plus 50 cents for each day the dog remains in the pound to cover the cost of the food. If the dog does not have city tags, the owner is penalized an additional \$10. After the first offense, the initial fee is doubled, Norton said.

The number of dogs which are picked up each week varies, Norton said.

"Some weeks we'll pick up ten to 15 dogs. In the last two weeks, we've only picked one dog up," he said.

Norton, who also is a part-time fireman for the city, makes a trip to the pound, located east of Maryville near the water plant, twice daily to feed and check the dogs.

Overcrowded conditions in the pound are a major problem, said the city's Public Safety Director Roger Stricker. Stricker's awareness of the problem prompted discussion at the city council meeting March 10. However, no changes in the pound's operation were made.

Because the pound has only four kennels, or stalls, Stricker said the city is having trouble keeping the dogs the required seven-day period before putting them to sleep. There are times when as many as 25 dogs are in the pound, which results in overcrowded conditions, he said.

Both Stricker and City Manager Ray Hummert told the council that they were in favor of changing the waiting period from seven days to two or three days.

However, upon investigation of the city pound, Victor Maurer, field director for the Humane Society, said last week that his organization interprets the state law requiring a week before destroying animals as a five-day period. Therefore Maryville's impounded dogs must be kept a minimum of five days.

Another problem Stricker mentioned is the availability of the veterinarian who puts the animals to sleep.

"Sometimes after seven days, the vet gets a more important call and he doesn't get back to us for another two days or so. This really makes overcrowding worse," Stricker said.

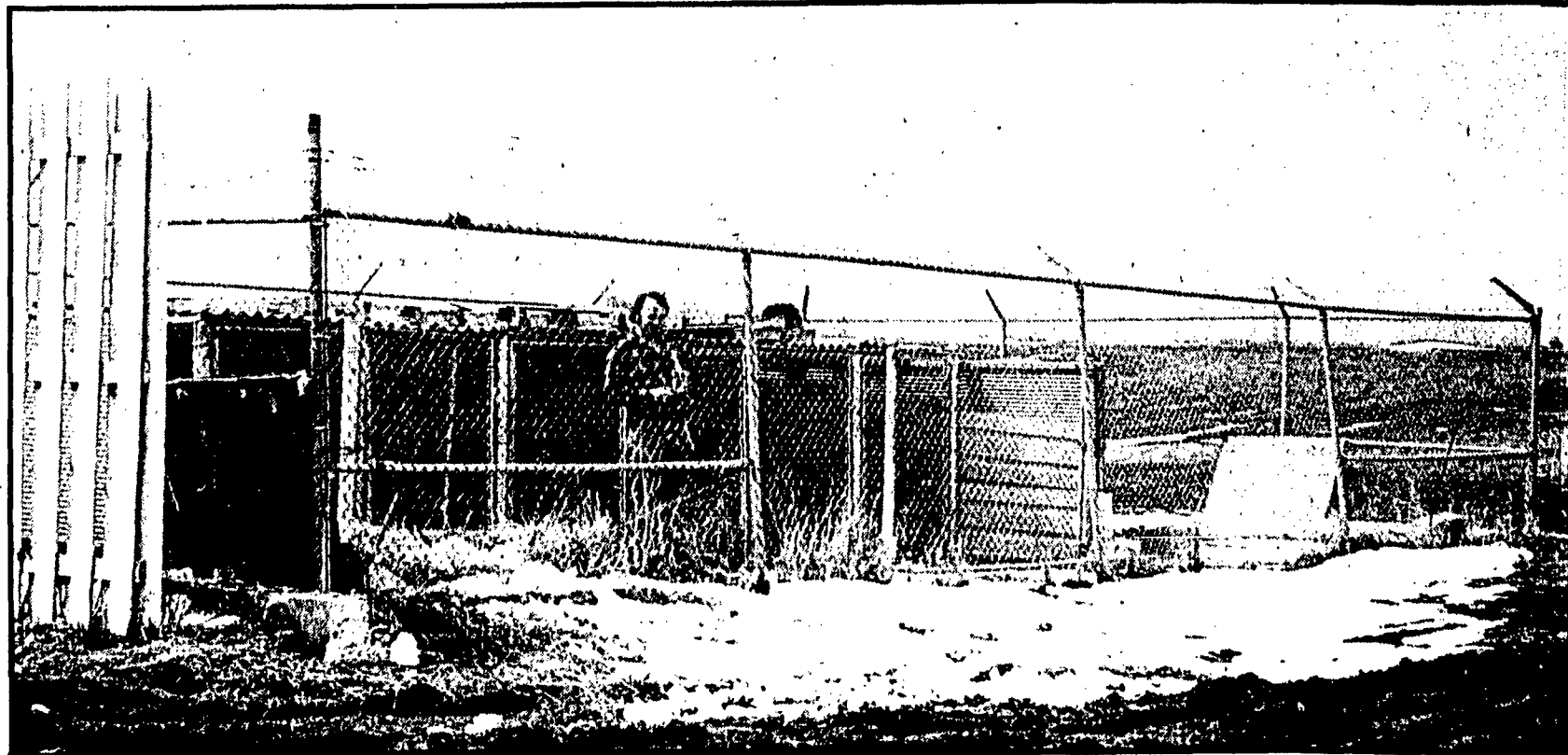
Stricker said about 270 dogs were destroyed last year, none of which had a city license.

"We take every opportunity to find the owner of a dog if it has a license," he said. "We'd like to see more dog tags purchased so the owners can be found," he said.

Only 184 dog tags have been issued this year, Stricker said.

Stricker said the population of abandoned dogs usually increases in May when the NWMSU school year winds down.

"We usually get a whole flock of dogs in May because many college students turn their dogs loose after school ends," he said. "A lot of times the students just didn't want the dogs anymore or they didn't have a place for them at home. But if they're going to do that, they shouldn't have the dogs to begin with," Stricker said.



Steppin' Out

'Kramer' deserves nine Oscar awards

By Janice Corder
Entertainment Editor

It's not often a popular movie manages to pull off an entertaining as well as touching film with a real plot, but **Kramer vs. Kramer** does this with class.

Kramer vs. Kramer is now showing at 8 p.m. until March 26 at the Tivoli Theater. The film is about the overdone topic of divorce, but focuses on the seldom seen problem of child custody. Dustin Hoffman plays the aggressive, successful executive who surprisingly finds his wife, played by Meryl Streep, has left him and his six-year old son, Billy.

Hoffman must choose between his time-consuming job and his even more

time-consuming son. Although the father's career suffers as he takes over the role of father and mother, he comes to know his own child better than ever. He grows so close to his young son that it becomes impossible for him to give him up when his wife returns, hoping to get custody of Billy. When his new lifestyle is threatened he learns how much he and his son have grown to depend on each other.

Although the court custody battle is the climax of **Kramer vs. Kramer**, the real beauty of the film unfolds as the viewer grows more and more attached to the boy along with his father. When Billy is injured in a playground accident, the viewer fears for him as much as any parent.



Missourian photo/Andre A. Jackson
Ken Brown, assistant professor of theater/scene designer, works on sets for an upcoming play.

As Billy grows up in the movie, so does his father, learning there's more to success than promotions and money. Hoffman and Streep are both excellent as the dueling parents who both have different ideas of what's best for their son. Another star in the movie is Justin Henry, who plays Billy and seems to be a "real kid." Selecting a child like Henry makes the movie much more realistic than casting a cutesy Hollywood brat for the role.

Kramer vs. Kramer is truly a classic and deserves its nine academy award nominations, including Best Picture. And Best Film may be in the future for this film. It is rated PG and admission is \$2.50.

On the lighter side, **The Jerk**, starring Steve Martin, begins at 8 p.m. March 19 at the Missouri Theater. **The Jerk** is Martin's first full-length movie after

successful albums, television shows and concerts.

Although Martin is an over-powering screen figure, the film's main problem is Martin's complete dominance of the movie. The film is still hilarious, tracing the life of an adopted "black" sharecropper's son and his rags to riches to rags story.

The Jerk is a very funny movie with one catch--to enjoy it, you must be a Steve Martin fan. The film contains some new material, but hardcore fans will recognize some of Martin's old stuff.

The comedy also stars Bernadette Peters, Martin's real-life wife, and is directed by Carl Reiner. Admission is \$2.25 and it is rated R.

Union Board is presenting **The Main Event** at 7:30 p.m. March 19 through 23 at Horace Mann Auditorium. **The Main**

'Behind the footlights'

Brown wins lighting award despite conditions

By Tammy Calfee
Staff Writer

A Special Award for Excellence in Lighting Design was awarded to Ken Brown, NWMSU assistant professor of theater/scene designer.

Brown won the award based on his lighting design for the theater department's production of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

The award, the only one in lighting design from 43 entries, was granted to Brown by the American College of Theater Festival in the Festival's Region Five, South Division. This region consists of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.

Brown received the award at ceremonies at Iowa State University in Ames. The honor is presented by the John F. Kennedy Center, an alliance for arts education, produced by the

American Theater Association and sponsored by Amoco.

Making this honor an even more rewarding experience for Brown was the fact that he had to work in a less-than-optimum situation for designing the lighting for "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

Due to the July 24 fire, the production of "Cat" was done in the Charles Johnson Theater. Thus Brown had to work with a stage designed primarily as a recital stage with few lighting instruments and the placement of action on the broad stage in location where it was difficult to light.

The situation of the lighting instruments was remedied by the loan of equipment from Tarkio College and Missouri Western State College, but because of the stage construction the lighting difficulties were a little harder to remedy.

Event stars Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal as a scatterbrained manager and her unwilling professional boxer. Admission is \$1 with a student I.D.

Mark Russell, co-host of NBC's "Real People," will bring his own style of political humor to campus at 8 p.m. March 25 in Charles Johnson Theater. The performance is part of the 75th Anniversary celebration and is sponsored by the University's Performing Arts Committee.

Besides the television series, Russell writes a syndicated column in more than 100 newspapers and stars in "The Mark Russell Show," part of the NBC radio network and on PBS television. He has also been a guest on "The Tonight Show," "Merv Griffin" and two David Frost Specials.

Russell's humor stems from names and events in the headlines. His



Divorced parents Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep confront each other over custody of their son in **Kramer vs. Kramer** showing at the Tivoli until March 26.

political satire has given him three albums, "Up the Potomac Without a Canoe," "Wild, Wierd, Wired World of Watergate" and "Face on the Senate Floor."

Union Board will sponsor a Spring Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 behind Millikan Hall. The fair is open to all campus organizations and the public.

Booths are available for \$5 and groups can provide information or sell things. Applications for booths must be in to Union Board by March 27.

One of the judges for the ACTE said, "I was especially impressed with the creation of the outdoor environment in the upstage areas of the set. I was equally impressed with the fact that the lighting designer gave consideration to backing lighting so that characters were not walking off stage into black voids."

The reviewer for "Cat" said, "The fireworks were extremely well done. The colors, the timing and the execution gave an illusion of genuine fireworks."

Brown is still at work on other NWMSU plays. Although he was involved little with the production of "Antigone," since it was largely student directed. Brown is already working on designs for the 75th Anniversary production of "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," running April 17 through 20 at Charles Johnson Theater.

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The Stroller

Everyone came back from spring break with their exciting stories of their vacations and their glorious tans but as usual our Stroller has very little news of his good tidings and cheer during his break from NWMSU.

Why? Well, basically our man had a rotten vacation of which he spent most of right here on campus.

You see our campus carouser was all set to go on a cruise to the luxurious

Caribbean. Our man saved his cash and finally bought his ticket for the cruise. He packed all of his summer garb in his suitcases and sat down to sun himself on his ready-made beach, which consisted of 200 pounds of sand, a fake palm tree and a sun lamp. Our Stroller had hopes of securing a good tan for his otherwise ghostly white body.

After literally frying himself for two weeks before the ship was set to launch the time finally came for our guy to leave NWMSU and make no haste in reaching the dock on time.

Already to leave and bursting with

the excitement of a real honest to God Caribbean cruise our Stroller jumped in his old jalopy and pushed the button marked, "Go." The old JP (junk pile) started off with a roar. Then our man put the car in "R" for reverse, but obviously old JP thought "R" stood for rearend because that is exactly what went out of good old JP. There JP sat in all her glory. What could our poor man do but sit there in his Hawaiian flowered shirt and khaki shorts and weep. Don't worry Stroller, maybe your ship will come in another time and who knows, maybe you will be there to meet it.

Personals

Jennifer: Don't worry too much about your nose--it doesn't stick out THAT much! Kelly

Class of '82: Ha Ha Ha. It's not over yet. R.D.

Frank Z: I may reach for the highest stars and look for a silver lining in every cloud I pass but following rainbows may just lead me to that pot of gold in the end. Christine Zane
P.S. Thank for not asking me to change.

Cindy: Happy Birthday! How does it feel to be legal? L.
P.S. AMATOP

R.A.M.: I love you! L.D.M.

We would like to express our thanks to the Vets club at NWMSU. They had a benefit dance for us on Feb. 14th because we lost almost everything in a fire. Larry attended school there for 3 years and graduated 1978. The Vets are really good people. The dance was a great success. Also those who helped with the advertisement and those attending. A sincere heartfelt thanks to all. Larry and Dolly Jackson

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Bearkittens end season, lose to Drake at regionals

The 'Kitten basketball team ended their season March 6 after an 84-68 loss to Drake during the AIAW Regional tourney in Des Moines, Iowa on March 6.

Before the season began, many wondered just how well the young squad would do with a new coach who only experience had been on the high school level and a team that didn't have a senior on its roster.

The young squad did come through however, not with just a mediocre season but instead with a very successful season, climaxing as the squad qualified for the regional tourney.

"I felt we had a good season, and I think we did better than some people expected," said Wayne Winstead, head coach.

The 'Kittens' success was further highlighted by the fact that they faced

one of the toughest schedules ever. "The fact that the schedule was beefed-up a little bit and we did that well surprised some people," he said. "But our kids never gave up and came through to do a real good job."

The 'Kitten season ended against Drake in a tilt which Winstead felt that "they got away from us early." Drake held a 48-31 halftime edge.

Patty Painter led the 'Kittens with 27 points, followed by Julie Chadwick and Mary Wiebke with 12 points each.

It was a long road for the 'Kittens that enabled them to qualify for the tournament which included company such as Kansas State, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Central Missouri.

"The real big win for us was the victory over Southern Illinois University. That's when our kids said, 'hey, we can play well and beat people,'" he said.

Other big wins for the 'Kittens came within a span of a week's time.

"We beat Iowa State and Iowa in the same week, which was a real big thrill for our club," Winstead said.

Winstead has spent much of his time in recruiting for next year's squad, concentrating on the area high schools and junior colleges.

"We have a pool of good prospects," he said. "And all the kids we're recruiting are capable players."

Winstead's outlook for next year looks good.

"It's gratifying that there were no

seniors on the club and that a lot of our players got experience that they normally would not get," he said.

Painter, NWMSU's all-time women's scoring leader, will return, as will Julie Chadwick, the team's leading rebounder. Jodi Giles will also be returning for the 'Kittens.

"We're very deep and will be even better next year," said Winstead.

Miller named to second team

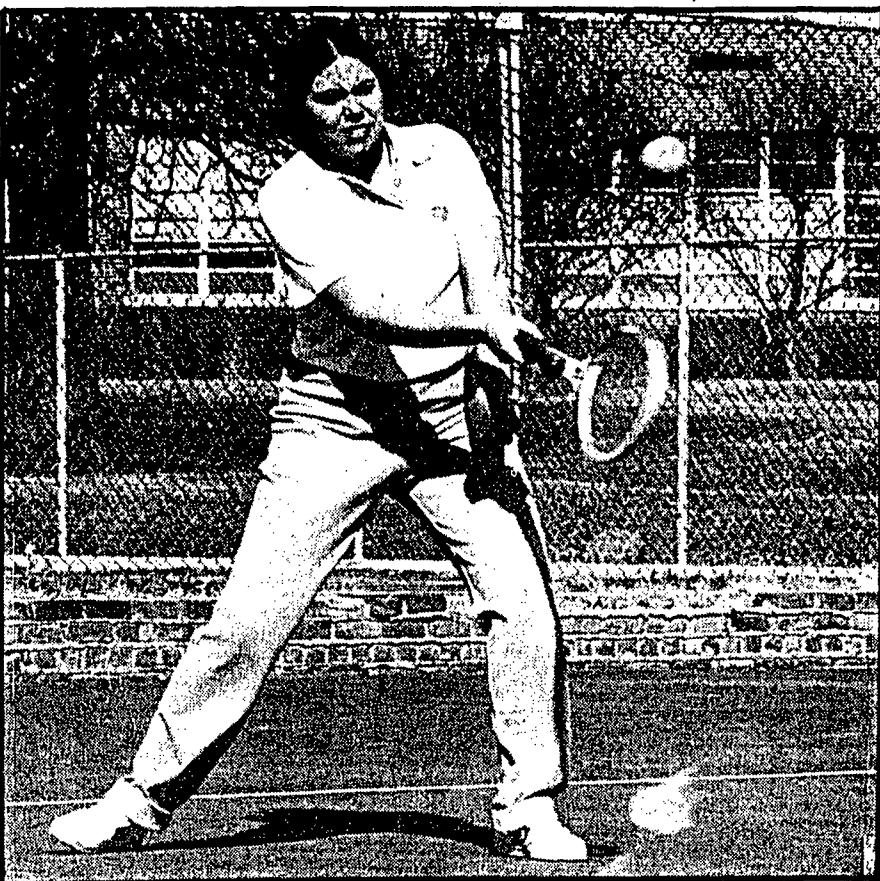
NWMSU senior Russ Miller was named to the MIAA's second team basketball squad and three other Bearcats earned honorable mention honors when they were selected by the league coaches March 1.

Miller led the 'Cats in rebounding for the third consecutive year with a 9.5 average and was second on the team in scoring with a 14.3 average. He ranked fourth in the league in rebounding and was among the league's top 15 scorers. He ends his career as Northwest's second leading career scorer and rebounder and was a second team all-league pick a year ago.

Honorable Mention honors went to Crale Bauer, who averaged 17.6 points per game, leading the 'Cats in scoring; Melvin Tyler, who averaged 13.6 per game and had 100 assists; and Mark Adams, who played in a school record 106 consecutive games and who finished his career as the school's fifth all-time scorer with 912 points.

Correction

Due to an error in the last issue of the Missourian, the women's intramural basketball team was incorrectly reported as being called the Dinkers. The correct name of the team is the Dinkers. The Missourian apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.



Pam Crawford, a member of the Bearkitten tennis team, returns a volley in Wednesday's meet with Avila College of Kansas City. The women's team won the meet 7-2, losing at No. 1 singles and at No. 3 doubles.

Tennis team faces tough schedule

By Stuart Osterthun
Staff Writer

NWMSU's men's tennis team won two and lost five on their annual spring trip which concluded March 13 at East Texas State.

McMurray State and Navarro fell victim to the 'Cats while Texas Wesleyan, Texas Christian, Abilene Christian, Hardin Simmons and East Texas State won matches over NWMSU.

John Byrd, head coach, who guided the team to an 11-6-1 record last year, said he thought the team didn't play well throughout the trip.

"We didn't play very well. We were at a disadvantage because we hadn't played any matches before the trip and all the other teams had," said Byrd.

Senior team captain Randy Arnold, David May, Mark Davis and Rea Laffin are the returning lettermen on the squad. Others competing for top spots are freshman Frank Hindman, who was also recruited to play football, junior Pat Munoz, junior Dave DeLoach

and freshman Randy Birchmier. Munoz came to NWMSU from Santiago, Chile via Miami-Dade Community College in Florida. DeLoach transferred from Missouri-Columbia last year where he played fall tennis and Birchmier played football for the 'Cats last fall.

Competition on the trip was very good and Byrd said that the 'Cats had trouble.

"The competition was good," said Byrd, who is beginning his 11th year as head coach. "We had trouble with it. TCU, East Texas State and Hardin Simmons were all better tennis teams. We were better than two others and about even with two more."

The surface of the court can make a big difference to a team that isn't used to it. Northwest practices on a fast court and most of the surfaces on the trip were very slow, said Byrd.

Northwest lost Dan Raidt, who dropped out of NWMSU at Christmas break. Raidt is now playing for Jefferson Junior College at Hillsboro Mo. With the loss of Raidt, Byrd said the team will have to play well.

"We're going to have to play well to be .500," said Byrd.

In the two wins on the spring trip,

Munoz, DeLoach and Laffin all won in singles play and Munoz, May and DeLoach all won two number one doubles matches with three different partners.

Northwest defeated Navarro 8-1, McMurray State 6-0 and Avila of Kansas City 9-0, March 17 on the 'Cats' home court.

March 21, the 'Cats travel to Omaha, Neb. for a match with Creighton at 6 p.m. The 'Cats defeated the Bleuways 5-4 last year in Omaha.

"Their coach said they're a little better this year, so we'll have to play well," said Byrd.

Regular season competition includes Iowa State and Nebraska of the Big Eight, and Creighton and Drake from the Missouri Valley Conference.

"The schedule is going to be a challenge. There are no great teams but they're all solid teams," he said.

NWMSU is favored to repeat as MIAA champions. They have won the title the past two years.

"Northwest and Southeast will probably fight for second but if we play well, we can win the conference," said Byrd.

'Cats open home stand March 24

The Bearcat baseball team will open their home season March 24 at 1 p.m. against Valley City State. The game will be a double header.

In action March 18 against the Kansas State Wildcats, the Bearcats split a double header, losing the first game 17-7, but coming back in the second game and topping the Wildcats 13-11. Northwest had a five-game winning streak stopped in the first game.

Strong winds played a major part in the K-State game, with both teams totalling 11 home-runs and 48 hits in Atlanta Stadium, also known as the "Launching Pad" because of the frequency in which balls are hit out of the park.

Bob Lord picked up his first victory of

the year. He pitched six and one-third innings, yielding 12 hits, five strikeouts and four walks before being replaced by Dale Kisker.

In the opening game, the Wildcats pounced on Tom Franke early. Franke lasted only three and one-third innings, yielding nine runs, eight hits and five walks.

The Bearcats were able to conclude their spring trip with a 4-4 record. They opened their 1980 season with a 3-2 victory over Missouri Southern at Joplin, but then dropped three consecutive games in March 8 and March 10 action.

Franke threw a five hitter to claim the opening victory for the 'Cats and to also tie a school record for pitching victories in a career. He struck out

three and walked just one. Mark Newman and Todd Magwire led the offense with two hits each.

In the second game, the 'Cats took a 4-0 lead after three innings but Missouri Southern was able to come back in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings with enough winning runs.

Lord took the loss for the 'Cats allowing six hits, four walks and six strikeouts.

March 10 the 'Cats dropped a double header to the Arkansas Razorbacks 11-6 and 7-1. The Razorbacks managed to steal six runs from pitcher Rick Leinen in the first inning, but despite the loss, Paul Niece delivered a two-run

inside-the-park homer for the 'Cats. In the nightcap, Kisker took the loss, lasting four innings before Greg Meng

freshmen.

Stressed pitchers took the spotlight as the 'Cats traveled to Arkansas Tech. March 11, as the team split a double header. Right hander Dave DeVaul pitched six innings of five-hit ball as the team took a 4-3 decision in the second game after losing the opening game 5-1. DeVaul made his first NWMSU start, striking out six, but walking seven.

In the next stop on the 'Cat trip, the squad stole their first double header sweep, sinking Ouachita Baptist 6-3 and 13-5 with good pitching and hitting leading the way.

Franke posted his second win of the season in the opening game and also became the 'Cats' biggest winner ever, moving his career mark to 18-6. Franke

exceeded Bob Peterson's record of 17 for 1974-77.

Greg Meng, who relieved Lord in the second game, picked up his first victory as a 'Cat. He gave up two hits and four runs, walked four and struck out three.

The Bearcats concluded their spring trip with another double header sweep against Henderson State, winning 6-3 and 4-1.

Leinen was able to even his pitching record to 1-1, although he allowed 11 hits, walked one and struck out one. Leinen was able to go the distance for the 'Cats in the opener. In the second game, Kisker was also able to even his record to 1-1. Niece hit his second inside-the-park homer and his fifth homerun of the season to highlight the game for the 'Cats.

Outdoor track team boasts strength and depth

NWMSU has enjoyed one of its most successful and productive years in sports so far and this spring doesn't look to be any different as the Bearcat track team looks to be a strong contender for the MIAA crown.

Having recently completed a strong indoor track season, finishing third in the MIAA, the 'Cats may be even stronger with the addition of the discus event and several newcomers to the team.

The 'Cats seem to have a firm lock on the field events as three Bearcat record holders return including Charlie White,

shot put; Ted Goudge, discus; Tim DeClue, high jump; and Leroy Carver, triple jump. Other top field athletes that will be counted on strongly are long jumpers Melvin Tyler and Phil Gates and javelin thrower Matt Traynowicz.

"If we can get everyone to get after what they're supposed to be doing we've got the potential to be very strong," said Richard Flanagan, head coach. "We've got some newcomers in Melvin Tyler and Ricky Owen who could be a help to the team. Melvin will give us some jumping ability in the long jump and Ricky should give us some added

strength in the quarter mile, an event that we were weak in during the indoor season."

"I look for us to be strong in the discus with the return of Ted Goudge and Matt Traynowicz. Both just missed qualifying for Nationals last year," said Flanagan.

Once again the 'Cats will feature a powerful distance running attack, despite the graduation of Vernon Darling and the loss of Bob Kelchner. Leading the way will be Dave Montgomery along with freshmen Dave Sleep and Chris Ross.

Sprints and middle distances, often a sore spot in past 'Cat teams, has been vastly upgraded due to the efforts of a successful recruiting year. The biggest addition is freshman speedster Mike Best, who broke the 'Cat 60-yard indoor sprint record during the winter. Joining Best in the sprinting oxen will be freshmen Dan Cambell, Oxon Hill, Rodney Edge and Carver.

In the middle distances the 'Cats' return Greg Frost, Bill Goodin and Keith Youngblood along with freshman Brian Murley. Youngblood is considered one of the top intermediate

hurdlers in the league.

While the 'Cats seem talent laden, Flanagan sees his club's opposition to be strong throughout the year.

"Lincoln and NEMSU will be our biggest challenges for the league championship. Both those teams beat us indoor, but neither have strong outdoor distance teams," said Flanagan.

"CMSU is another good team, but their program is in chaos right now

because their coach quit. I don't know exactly what is going on down there but they're suffering an internal struggle. I know that their top shot putter quit for sure," said Flanagan.

The 'Cats' first meet is March 25 against Emporia State, with one other team pending, at Rickenbrode Stadium.

"We've got the talent to win this and we're going to give it all we've got," said Flanagan.

Track increases size

An increase in team size and eight returning letter winners strengthen the Bearkitten track team outlook for this spring.

Last year's squad of 10 has doubled to 20 and that will mean more depth—an area that hurt the 'Kittens last year.

The returning letter winners are Chris Bywater, Roberta Darr, Vicki Gordon, Sandra Hagedorn, Sheryl Kiburz, Toni Mohr, Evonne Pearlard and Lee Ann Rulla.

Freshman additions will also play an important role in the improvement of this year's team

In the distances and middle-distances there are newcomers Chris Busing, Jo Kramer, Deb Wait and Roseanne Morales-Zorie.

Help in the dashes and hurdles will come from Leeanne Brown, Pam Coleman, Terri Earl, Allison Grimes, Deb Gutschenritter, Barbara Ratashak and Barbara Houfek.

Jackie Cundiff will help the Bearkittens in jumping events.

The team will begin their season on March 25 against Emporia State at 3 p.m. in Rickenbrode Stadium.

'It's a family affair' for the Gumms

By Dave Humphries
Staff Writer

The secret behind the success of any team can usually be found from within the team. Teamwork, togetherness and the now popular slogan via Pittsburgh,

"Family" are a few of the ingredients that will be responsible for the success of the Bearkitten softball team this year.

Last season wasn't much of a success for the 'Kittens, as they went 16-23 overall. Hitting was a weakness and first year coaches Virginia and George Gumms believe this year's club has the potential and depth to turn the 1980 season around.

"We have a battle for jobs and appear to be strong at every position," said Mr. Gumms, who will be coaching the team with his wife.

Another Gumms, Teresa who is the daughter of the coaches, will be returning and play either shortstop or catcher for her parents.

"I feel I have to push myself harder playing for my parents," said Teresa. "I know they expect more from me."

It was a big decision for the Gumms to decide whether or not they would coach the team their daughter plays on.

"We hesitated at first from taking the job, but Teresa went out and proved herself last year, we felt it would be no

problem," said Mrs. Gumms. "There's no special treatment on this team, it's a team—not individuals."

The Gumms have been involved in softball since the days Mr. Gumms played ASA (American Softball Association) ball and Mrs. Gumms participated on a high school team.

"I'd say we are a sports oriented family," said Mrs. Gumms.

The Gumms have coached nine years of ASA ball in Maryville, prior to taking over the 'Kittens. Their achievements include six state titles and a second place in the 1975 nationals. With this, both coaches believe the team is capable of winning their division and the state tournament if the team continues with a positive attitude and they progress at their present rate.

There are eight other members of the 'Kitten softball team that are like "family" to the Gumms. They are players that the two coached back in their ASA days.

"There is no reason we shouldn't do well this season," said Mrs. Gumms. "The girls are really working hard and want to win."

And working together as a "family" will be one element which may help bring success to the Bearkitten team.



The Gumms family looks over one of their softball playbooks at home. George and Virginia are the new coaches of the 'Kitten softball team and their daughter Teresa is a member of the team. For the Gumms, NWMSU softball is a 'family affair.'

'Kittens open preseason

The Bearkitten softball team will play five pre-season games March 28 and 29 in their first competition of 1980.

The squad will meet William Woods College at 1 p.m. March 28 in the first round of the William Woods round robin tournament in Fulton. The 'Kittens will play Missouri Southern the same day at 4:30 and then go against Missouri-Rolla the next morning at 10 a.m. to complete the tournament action.

"I don't know how strong William Woods is but this competition should be a good start for us this year," said Virginia Gumms, head coach.

After the morning game with Rolla the team will leave for Warrensburg where they will play two games against the Mules beginning at 4 p.m.

Gumms believes the squad is prepared to make a respectable showing in Division II this year due to hustle and positive attitudes.

"The girls are hustling a lot and their attitudes are good," Gumms said. "They have a strong desire to win and if we stay healthy not very many teams can beat us."

Gumms couldn't speculate on the starters, with a week of practice left, but she did say that due to depth, hitting would be a real key.

"It's difficult to choose starters because we're three deep in every position," she said. "Hitting will be the difference, whoever is hitting well will probably qualify as starters because they're all pretty good offensively."